



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

45 Fort Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340-4394
Town Clerk (860)441-6640
Town Manager (860)441-6630

Town Council

Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Heather Sherman Bond, Kathryn M. Brown-Tracy, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter

Tuesday, March 03, 2009

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2009-0056 Proclamation Recognizing the Groton Board of Education 2008-2009

Proclamation - TC

2009-0057 Proclamation Recognizing Girl Scout Week

Proclamation - TC

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2009-0059 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of February 17, 2009 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2009-0052 Special Trust Fund Contributions

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Tiffany Mann - \$5.00 - Animal Shelter Miscellaneous

Donna Benoit and Jacki Krause - \$50.00 - Animal Shelter Miscellaneous

Holiday Bowl Youth League - \$5.00 - Animal Shelter Miscellaneous

Various Donations - \$117.94 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

City of Groton Matching Funds - \$150.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Jack Dorfman - \$100.00 - Animal Shelter Miscellaneous

2009-0060 Tax Refund Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX REFUND

WHEREAS, the following, for the reason indicated, has overpaid taxes in the amount specified, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the amount be refunded, be it

RESOLVED, that the tax refund indicated below is hereby approved.

AHEPA 250-III Inc. - \$19,394.86 - Excess payment

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2003-0177	Renovations & Additions to Groton School Facilities - Phase I	Referral
2005-0209	Water Pollution Control Facility Expansion	Referral
2006-0102	Fort Hill Sewer Project Update	Referral
2006-0279	Developer Fees	Referral
2007-0105	Community Swimming Pool	Referral
2007-0198	Town-Wide Property Maintenance Code	Referral
2007-0294	Summaries of School Projects Information	Referral
2007-0304	Review of Financial Incentive Policy	Referral
2007-0309	Establishment of Mystic Water Task Force	Referral
2008-0015	Water Use Restriction Ordinance	Referral
2008-0196	Groton DARE Program	Referral
2008-0214	Citizens' Petition Concerning the Zoning Commission	Referral
2008-0247	Budget Guidelines for FYE 2010	Referral
2008-0260	Integrated Pavement Management Program	Referral
2008-0262	Charter Revision - Discussion	Referral
2009-0030	Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update	Referral
2008-0168	Town Manager Annual Evaluation	Referral
2009-0015	Town Clerk Compensation	Referral
2009-0054	Public Hearing on Sale of Buddington Road and North Road Parcels to City of Groton	Referral
2009-0055	International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Membership	Referral
2009-0058	Public Hearing on FYE 2010 Proposed Budget	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors**
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting**
- c. Clerk of the Council**
- d. Town Manager**
- e. Town Attorney**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Brown-Tracy**
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond**
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski**
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets**
- e. Finance - Chairman Schmidt**
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman O'Beirne**
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter**
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Monteiro**
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson**

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**X. NEW BUSINESS****2008-0168 Town Manager Annual Evaluation****Referral****RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TOWN MANAGER'S COMPENSATION**

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009 the Groton Town Council met in executive session for a performance review of Town Manager Mark R.Oefinger covering the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council unanimously rated the Town Manager's performance as "Outstanding," and

WHEREAS, Mark R. Oefinger has been a highly dedicated, extremely professional and priceless asset to the Town, and

WHEREAS, Mark R. Oefinger has handled a number of challenges this past year in addition to his regular job requirements with the utmost professionalism, enthusiasm and efficiency, and

WHEREAS, there are uncertain economic conditions facing the Town, state, and nation, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that despite the Town Manager's outstanding performance in all categories of review, the Council has decided that there will be no salary increase for the Town Manager at this time, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this decision is absolutely no reflection on the job Mark R.Oefinger is doing, but rather a reflection of the economic times the Town of Groton and all its citizens are facing, and the Town Council appreciates Mark R. Oefinger's acknowledgement of these difficult times and gracious acceptance of the Council's decision.

Legislative History

6/17/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the
1/13/2009	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Mayor Watson noted that the Town Manager is evaluated July 1st. Town Manager Oefinger distributed a packet of information to the Council. Councilors were asked to submit completed evaluations to the Mayor for

compilation. This item will be added to the agenda for the January 20th special meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

1/20/2009 Town Council Committee of Not Discussed
the Whole

1/27/2009 Town Council Committee of Not Discussed
the Whole

2/10/2009 Town Council Committee of Not Discussed
the Whole

2/17/2009 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole

2/17/2009 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2009-0015 Town Clerk Compensation

Referral

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TOWN CLERK'S COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009 the Groton Town Council met in executive session for a performance review of Town Clerk Barbara Tarbox covering the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council unanimously rated the Clerk's performance as "Outstanding," and

WHEREAS, Barbara Tarbox has been a highly dedicated, extremely professional and priceless asset to the Town, and

WHEREAS, Barbara Tarbox has handled a number of challenges this past year in addition to her regular job requirements with the utmost professionalism, enthusiasm and efficiency, and

WHEREAS, there are uncertain economic conditions facing the Town, state, and nation, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that despite the Town Clerk's outstanding performance in all categories of review, the Council has decided that there will be no salary increase for the Town Clerk at this time, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this decision is absolutely no reflection on the job Barbara Tarbox is doing, but rather a reflection of the economic times the Town of Groton and all its citizens are facing, and the Town Council appreciates Barbara Tarbox's acknowledgement of these difficulties and gracious acceptance of the Council's decision.

Legislative History

1/6/2009 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of

1/13/2009 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

Mayor Watson stated that the Town Clerk's compensation is reviewed at the start of the calendar year. He distributed a packet of information from the Town Clerk for future discussion.

1/20/2009 Town Council Committee of Not Discussed
the Whole

1/27/2009 Town Council Committee of Not Discussed
the Whole

2/10/2009 Town Council Committee of Not Discussed
the Whole

2/17/2009 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole

- 2/17/2009 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution
- 2009-0054 Public Hearing on Sale of Buddington Road and North Referral**
Road Parcels to City of Groton

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON A SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Act 07-218, effective October 1, 2007, the Town Council must conduct a public hearing on the proposed sale, lease, or transfer of real property owned by the Town, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing on the sale of a parcel of land on Buddington Road and a parcel of land on North Road to the City of Groton on March 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

Legislative History

2/17/2009 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of t

2/24/2009 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

The Town Manager indicated the first available date for the public hearing would be March 17, 2009.

- 2/24/2009 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution
- 2009-0055 International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives Referral**
(ICLEI) Membership

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THE TOWN OF GROTON IN THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES (ICLEI)

WHEREAS, ICLEI collects and disseminates information for municipalities on energy efficiency and sustainability, and

WHEREAS, a Town of Groton membership in ICLEI will provide valuable informational support for the Town of Groton's Task Force on Climate Change and Sustainable Community, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager should purchase membership in ICLEI for 2009, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the expenditure of \$600 for one year's population-based dues, from available funds as determined by the Town Manager.

Legislative History

2/18/2009 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of t

2/24/2009 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

Councilor Sheets distributed minutes of the February 10th Environment and Energy Committee meeting at which she made a recommendation on behalf of the Task Force on Climate Change and Sustainable Community that the Town of Groton join ICLEI. Group II referred the issue to the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Sheets reviewed the history of ICLEI, goals of the organization, and benefits of membership. Councilor Sheets requested approval of a one-year membership, and offered to be the government liaison.

2/24/2009 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole

to recommend a resolution approving a \$600 one-year membership in ICLEI

- 2009-0058 Public Hearing on FYE 2010 Proposed Budget Referral**

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON FYE 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing on the FYE 2010 Proposed Budget, pursuant to Section 9.3.1 of the Town Charter, on Monday, March 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1, 134 Groton Long Point Road, Groton, Connecticut.

Legislative History

2/24/2009	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT